STATEMENT OF KATIE MEYLER

“There is nothing more devastating than a young girl being forced into sexual acts by someone abusing their power. I know this personally. It is the very reason I started More Than Me and why I have dedicated my life to helping young girls.

“The notion that someone I entrusted to help protect and educate girls who were at risk in their community betrayed that trust and exploited his access and power by perpetuating that very abuse leaves me sickened to this day. He conned many including me into believing he was some type of savior- not the monster predator he turned out to be. I am desperately sorry that I was not aware of his criminal abuse of our girls sooner, but I reported it to authorities the moment it came to my attention and did everything possible to assist with his arrest and prosecution.

“More Than Me has made significant changes to enhance the protection of our students in the years since Johnson’s abuse came to light, and, as always, we will continue to evaluate our systems and policies to vigilantly serve as guardians for our girls. We will never stop striving to be our best because that is what our girls deserve. This broke my heart and will affect and motivate me for the rest of my life. But I will not let this evil stop our enduring mission to educate, protect, love and give hope to young girls in Liberia.

As long as my heart beats, I will live for them.”